

## **Moran Backs Legislation to Recognize and Support Ft. Leavenworth's Military Education**

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For nearly 130 years, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, has played a central role in educating military commanders and producing world leaders. Many of this college's alumni are the legendary names that my generation grew up reading about and who continue to inspire us and our country today: Marshall, MacArthur, Eisenhower, Arnold, Bradley.

The legislation we consider today, introduced by my colleague, the gentleman from Kansas directs the Mint to create a coin in recognition of these 5-star generals. The proceeds will benefit the nonprofit foundation formed in 2005 to enhance the education programs offered at the Command and General Staff College.

Ret. Gen. Gordon Sullivan described the Command and General Staff College as the intellectual heart of the Army. Part of what makes the heart beat so strong in recent years is the Command and General Staff College Foundation. Under the leadership of Ret. Col. Bob Ulin, the foundation has successfully supported our country's oldest and largest military staff college by offering many programs and activities to promote excellence. This success was recently

acknowledged with a tremendous pledge by Ross Perot for two new education initiatives.

With no shortage of threats today from around our world, our country is demanding much from those who serve us in uniform. Our service members deserve the best education and training to accomplish these missions.

The proceeds of these coins will help ensure that we meet this commitment to America's military men and women.

I want to especially acknowledge my fellow Member from Kansas, the Honorable Lynn Jenkins, for her work in moving this legislation forward. I also want to thank my friend and colleague, Iowa Congressman Leonard Boswell, who personally secured many of the bill's 300 cosponsors. Mr. Boswell is a highly decorated Vietnam veteran and a former instructor at the college. Last week I had the pleasure of watching him be inducted into Fort Leavenworth's Hall of Fame. Congratulations and best regards to my colleague from Iowa on this great honor.

This legislation both honors these great soldiers and alumni of the Command and General Staff College, but also helps the college continue its vital mission of professional military education. I urge my colleagues' support.

